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1. MARTIN (US) AND ROSHCHIN (USSR) MET MARCH 10
AT US-SPONSORED CO-CHAIRMEN'S LUNCH TO REVIEW
DEVELOPMENTS AT CCD SESSION. MAJOR TOPICS WERE
ORGANIZATION OF CCD'S WORK, ENMOD, CO-CHAIRMANSHIP,
CCD REPORT, AND PROCEDURAL REVIEW. HIGHLIGHTS FOLLOW.

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2. CCD ORGANIZATION OF WORK. MARTIN AND ROSHCHIN

AGREED TO SUGGEST AT INFORMAL CCD MEETING SET FOR MARCH 12 THAT COMMITTEE HOLD INFORMAL MEETING ON ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION ON APRIL 5 AND INFORMAL MEETING WITH EXPERTS ON NEW WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION (MDW) ON APRIL 7, LEAVING COMMITTEE TO DECIDE IN EACH CASE WHETHER ADDITIONAL MEETINGS WOULD BE NECESSARY. ROSHCIN ASKED IF US DECISION NOT TO SEND EXPERTS TO MDW MEETINGS WAS FINAL; MARTIN REITERATED THAT US WAS STUDYING MDW QUESTION AND DID NOT PLAN TO SEND EXPERTS TO MEETINGS. MARTIN AND ROSHCIN AGREED TO PROPOSE THAT INFORMAL MEETINGS WITH EXPERTS ON CTB BE HELD ON AFTERNOON OF APRIL 20, AND ON SUBSEQUENT DAYS AS NEEDED. IN ADDITION, CO-CHAIRMEN WILL PROPOSE THAT SPRING SESSION BE ADJOURNED APRIL 23, WITH SUMMER SESSION RESUMING ON JUNE 22. PROPOSED OPENING FOR SUMMER SESSION INVOLVES A ONE-WEEK OVERLAP WITH AD HOC COMMITTEE ON ROLE OF UN IN DISARMAMENT, WHICH SWEDES HAVE INDICATED WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE.

3. MARTIN INFORMED ROSHCIN THAT SCHLAICH (FRG) IS PREPARED TO SUGGEST AT FRIDAY INFORMAL MEETING CONVENING INFORMAL MEETINGS WITH EXPERTS DURING SUMMER SESSION TO REVIEW 1975 WORKING PAPERS ON CW. MARTIN AND ROSHCIN AGREED TO SUGGEST THAT THESE MEETINGS TAKE PLACE BEGINNING MONDAY, JULY 5. ROSHCIN ALSO AGREED WITH SUGGESTION THAT CO-CHAIRMEN AGREE TO SUGGEST TO CLARK (NIGERIA) THAT COMMITTEE DEVOTE TWO PLENARY MEETINGS, PREFERABLY DURING SUMMER SESSION, TO DISCUSSION OF MID-TERM REVIEW OF DISARM-AMENT DECADE, IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT UN RESOLUTION AND TO PROVIDE SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO THIS SUBJECT IN COMMITTEE'S DECISION ON ORGANIZATION OF WORK.

4. ENMOD. REFERRING TO DUTCH CRITIQUE OF US-SOVIET DRAFT ENMOD CONVENTION (REFTTEL, ROSHCIN ASKED IF US AND USSR WERE GOING TO GO SEPARATE WAYS IN DEFENDING THE DRAFT OR WHETHER THE TWO WOULD COORDINATE THEIR POSITIONS. UNLESS US AND USSR STUCK TOGETHER, HE SAID, NEGOTIATIONS WOULD BECOME "DISORDERLY."
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MARTIN STRESSED THAT DUTCH VIEWS WERE THEIR OWN, NOTING THAT DUTCH HAD CRITICIZED ASPECTS OF DRAFT OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO US AS WELL AS ELEMENTS OF SPECIAL CONCERN TO SOVIETS. HE POINTED OUT THAT US STATEMENTS IN CCD HAD DEFENDED ALL OF DRAFT AND THAT US INTENDED TO CONTINUE THIS APPROACH DURING REST OF SPRING SESSION, AS OTHER DELEGATIONS SET OUT VIEWS. HE AGREED THAT US AND SOVIET DELEGATIONS SHOULD KEEP

IN CLOSE CONTACT ON ENMOD ISSUES. ROSHCIN SAID IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR US AND SOVIET DELS TO REVIEW SITUATION IN DETAIL FOLLOWING INFORMAL MEETINGS IN APRIL AND POSSIBLY ARRANGE A MEETING DURING RECESS BETWEEN SPRING AND SUMMER SESSION TO AGREE ON COMMON APPROACH FOR SUMMER SESSION. MARTIN AGREED, EXPRESSING HOPE THAT THE TWO SIDES WOULD CONTINUE JOINTLY TO DEFEND EXISTING TEXT DURING SPRING SESSION.

5. CO-CHAIRMANSHIP. ROSHCIN, RECALLING THAT CCD HAD BEEN FOUNDED ON THE BASIS OF US-SOVIET CO-CHAIRMANSHIP, SAID USSR WAS NOT PREPARED TO ABANDON THE INSTITUTION, EVEN IN EXCHANGE FOR WHAT MIGHT APPEAR TO BE FIRM DECISIONS ON OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL ISSUES, SINCE COMMITTEE COULD SUBSEQUENTLY CHANGE THOSE DECISIONS. MARTIN NOTED THAT DECISIONS COULD ONLY BE CHANGED BY CONSENSUS, BUT SAID THAT US DID NOT WISH TO ABANDON CO-CHAIRMANSHIP EITHER. HE SAID IT WAS IMPORTANT, HOWEVER, FOR BOTH SIDES TO ASSESS THE IMPLICATIONS FOR THE CCD OF CHANGE IN CO-CHAIRMANSHIP ON THE ONE HAND AND DANGER OF ACTION BY UNGA EITHER TO CALL FOR ABOLITION OF CO-CHAIRMANSHIP OR EVEN ESTABLISH UN DISARMAMENT COMMITTEE TO REPLACE CCD ON THE OTHER HAND.

6. CCD REPORT. MARTIN AND ROSHCIN AGREED TO PROPOSE AT FRIDAY INFORMAL CCD MEETING THAT SECRETARIAT BE GIVEN RESPONSIBILITY FOR FIRST DRAFT OF CCD REPORT TO UNGA. SECRETARIAT WOULD BE ASKED TO PREPARE FACTUAL SUGGESTIONS AND PROPOSALS AS WELL AS WORKING PAPERS. SECRETARIAT WOULD ALSO PREPARE INDEX OF STATEMENTS ON MAJOR SUBJECTS BEFORE CCD. DRAFT WOULD BE PROVIDED TO COMMITTEE MEMBERS AT LEAST TWO WEEKS BEFORE END OF SUMMER SESSION (UP-DATED THEREAFTER AS NEEDED), AND FINAL VERSION OF REPORT, INCLUDING ANY CONSENSUS STATEMENT ON CCD'S WORK, WOULD BE ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS AND CONFIDENTIAL

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SENT TO SECRETARY-GENERAL. ROSHCIN SAID SOVIETS WANTED TO RETAIN PRACTICE OF HAVING REPORT SIGNED (AND THUS TRANSMITTED) BY CO-CHAIRMEN, BUT THEY HAD NO OBJECTION TO PREPARATION OF FACTUAL DRAFT BY SECRETARIAT.

7. PROCEDURAL REVIEW. INSISTING THAT SOVIETS "HAD NO REPROACH" ABOUT US PROPOSAL FOR COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF CCD PROCEDURES, ROSHCIN SAID SOVIETS NONETHELESS SAW A NUMBER OF PROBLEMS EMERGING FROM REVIEW, PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT TO CO-CHAIRMANSHIP AND EFFORT TO CODIFY ALL CCD PROCEDURES. MARTIN ACKNOWLEDGED THAT PROCESS WOULD BE DIFFICULT, BUT EMPHASIZED THAT US CONSIDERED IT ESSENTIAL TO LOOK AT PROCEDURES AS A WHOLE, RATHER THAN ALLOW COMMITTEE TO FOCUS ON JUST CO-CHAIRMANSHIP. MARTIN RECALLED THAT SOVIET STATEMENTS AT UNGA, INCLUDING REMARKS

BY ROSHCIN AS WELL AS OTHER MEMBERS OF SOVIET DELEGATION, HAD SUGGESTED TO OTHER DELEGATIONS THAT CO-CHAIRMANSHIP WAS EXPENDABLE, MAKING IT INEVITABLE THAT THIS SUBJECT WOULD BE RAISED AND DEBATED AT CURRENT CCD. UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, MARTIN SAID, WE CONSIDERED COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW DESIRABLE.

8. ROSHCIN ASKED US REACTION TO JAPANESE PROPOSAL (REFTEL) THAT CCD UNDERTAKE MULTI-LATERALIZATION OF TTBT AND SEEK TO LOWER ITS THRESHOLD, SAYING THAT ALTHOUGH HE HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS FROM MOSCOW PROPOSAL SEEMED LIKE ATTEMPT TO INTEFERE IN BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS. MARTIN SAID PROPOSAL WOULD HAVE TO BE GIVEN CAREFUL STUDY IN WASHINGTON, ADDING THAT HE DID NOT EXPECT US DEL TO BE IN POSITION TO COMMENT DURING SPRING SESSION.DALE

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